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**Baker-Polito Administration Names Kelly Dwyer as Executive Director
of Governor's Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence**

BOSTON – Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito today announced Kelly Dwyer as the new Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, chaired by Lt. Governor Polito.

"The Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence does important work to ensure every Massachusetts resident is able to live and work in safe and healthy environments," **said Governor Baker**. "I am proud to welcome Kelly as Executive Director of the Council and look forward to working with her, Lt. Governor Polito and the Council's members to continue supporting education and prevention support for survivors."

"Our council is committed to working together to provide necessary support for survivors and develop more solutions that will lead to the end of domestic violence and sexual assault here in the Commonwealth," **said Lt. Governor Polito**. "Kelly's extensive experience in direct victim advocacy and support work, coupled with her policy, education and military experience makes her uniquely suited for this important role and we are thrilled to continue working with her in this capacity."

"I am truly honored for this opportunity to work with the Baker-Polito Administration and the Governor's Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in their continuing efforts to end domestic violence and sexual assault," **said Executive Director Kelly Dwyer**. "This important objective requires the support and

collaboration of the wide range of providers that make up the Council, as well as many others throughout the Commonwealth. I look forward to working with the Administration, service providers, and community at large as we work towards that goal.”

In April 2015, Governor Baker signed Executive Order 563, re-launching the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Over its first year, the Council’s priorities included analyzing and reporting on the implementation of Chapter 260: An Act Relative to Domestic Violence, a report was issued providing updates on each of the 49 actionable provisions within the law. The Council has launched work groups in five priority areas, including child trafficking and prevention education in schools and universities.

About Kelly Dwyer:

Kelly most recently worked at Health Imperatives as the Director of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs. She also served as Co-Chair of the Veterans, Military, and Families Work Group on the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. She has held various leadership positions in the Army National Guard both domestic and overseas, including Officer, Platoon Leader, Executive Officer of a Company, and second in Command to the Company Commander. While serving in the Florida Army National Guard, Kelly worked at Sunrise of Pasco County as the Legal Team Supervisor and InVEST (Intimate Partner Violence Enhances Services Team) Advocate, providing intensive service management to individuals identified to be in potentially lethal situations. Kelly began her career at the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office as a Victim Witness Advocate and provided services through the Old Colony YMCA for girls and young women committed to the Department of Youth Services. Kelly’s experience includes include direct victim advocacy and support work, building coalitions, advancing policy, education, and sharing her experiences with others.

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